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nuclear-free zone!

The idea of nuclear free zones began in the 1950's when the Soviet Union and other socialist countries proposed creating areas in different parts of the world to lessen the danger of nuclear war.
In 1956 the USSR proposed in a United Nations subcommittee on disarmament that a zone should be created in Cental Europe where armaments and the stationing of any atomic or hydrogen weapon should be subject to limitation and inspection.
The U.S. from the outset oppesed these zones and put a whole number of conditions and reservations.
Later in 1958 the USSR proposed a treaty of friendship and cooperation between European countries that inclued zone where no atom, hydrogen and missile weapons and no facilities for these weapons would be produced or deployed.
This proposal heightened world interest and opinion in preventing the spread of nuclear weapons. In the late 50's and early 60's a number of countries proposed creating non-nuclear zones in different regions of the world: in the Balkans, Northern Europe, Africa, Middle East, Latin America and so on.
In 1978 the USSR became a guarantor of the treaty banning nuclear weapons in Latin America--so far the only international agreement to declare a concrete geographical region a nuclear free zone.
City after city in Europe has declared that there will be no nuclear production. The campaigns started with small efforts of workers, students and neighborhoods declaring themselves nuclear-free.

London Declared Nuclear-Free Zone

LONDON (AP)—The British capital has been declared a nuclear-free zone in "the first step toward freeing London dwellers from the threat of nuclear war," the Greater London Council announced Thursday. Starting June 6, the council will prohibit the transportation of nuclear weapons or waste through the city.

Maryland Town Votes Against Nuclear Arms

Special to The New York Times

GARRETT PARK, Md., May 3 — [illegible] residents of this small suburban Washington overwhelm-

Special to the Daily World

BOSTON, May 11 — Students at Tufts University in Boston have made their campus a nuclear-free zone the first step of a local campaign to halt the arms race.

UPDATE

ERASMUS HIGHSCHOOL: Students have gathered 400 signatures for declaring the school a Nuclear Free Zone. Announcements are being made for the initiative through the public address system. They will hold a school assembly when reaching a majority of the students and make a formal declaration. They will be also organizing a peace committee for future work on peace.

BROOKLY APARTMENT BUILDING: youth are gathtering signatures of neighbors. Talk about enthusiasm: they will hold a poster painting party in the lobby to put up a banner on the front entry declaring it a Nuclear Free

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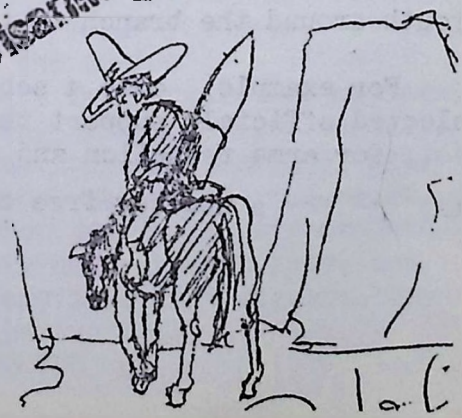
Ann Landers for peace

Disarmament street fair



Youth Rights Emergency Action Program

At the recent National Council meeting of the Young Workers Liberation League they renewed their demand that the Administration and Congress, "in one bold stroke" act on the following updated Emergency Action Program for youth's recovery from the economic crisis:

1. Declare the conditions of youth a national emergency.
2. Use Executive authority and urgent Congessional action to guarantee full employment or full benefits for the length of unemployment for all youth; pass the Weiss bill to create a massive public works and public service jobs program so that youth can help rebuild their communities.
3. Guarantee a decent standard of living for all working youth. Prohibit the subminiumu wage; double the present minimum wage to $6.70 per hour — to correspond to government guidelines for a "modest" standard of living.
4. Restore all cuts in youth programs, especially education and vocational training.
5. Comprehensive affirmative action measures to meet the special needs of the hardest hit — Black, other minority youth and young women.
6. Draft the corporations — including public takeover of closed down plants — to make jobs for youth, not the youth to make war for the corporations.

After June 12th what happens in the Branches & Sections?

How do we work with the large numbers of youth who participated and/or were activated on the peace issue and the fight for economic rights?

June 12th is not a one shot deal. Peace and disarmament has been a long term struggle involving many forms of organizing and activities. If a consistent level of struggle for peace is not maintained, many of the initiatives which have been taken at a grassroots level will not be acted upon.

The question before the League is how to place the struggle on a long term basis. The League has projected the Nuclear Free Zone actions as decisive for the mobilizing of youth at all levels of organization, but particularly at a grassroots level.

However in relation to this year, all initiatives, particularly peace, will be inevitably debated and acted upon in the context of the 1982 election. Politicians in office and those seeking to be in office next year are feeling the heat from the demands of the millions of working people, youth and students for peace and disarmament. From many of them is will be just rhetoric with the hope of riding the crest for peace until after November. The recent passage of the defense budget in the Senate bears this out. Though swathed in the clothing of peace, they gave the Pentagon and Reagan what they wanted.

PEACE & JOBS: A VOTING ISSUE

The Nuclear Free Zone drive logically leads to mobilizing the hundreds of youth around the branch to take their demands to those running or not.

For example, once a school is declared nuclear free, we should demand that elected officials support the initiatives, including committing themselves to vote for arms reduction and a nuclear freeze. From the youth who signed the petitions for a nuclear free zone, we should help pull together a delegation

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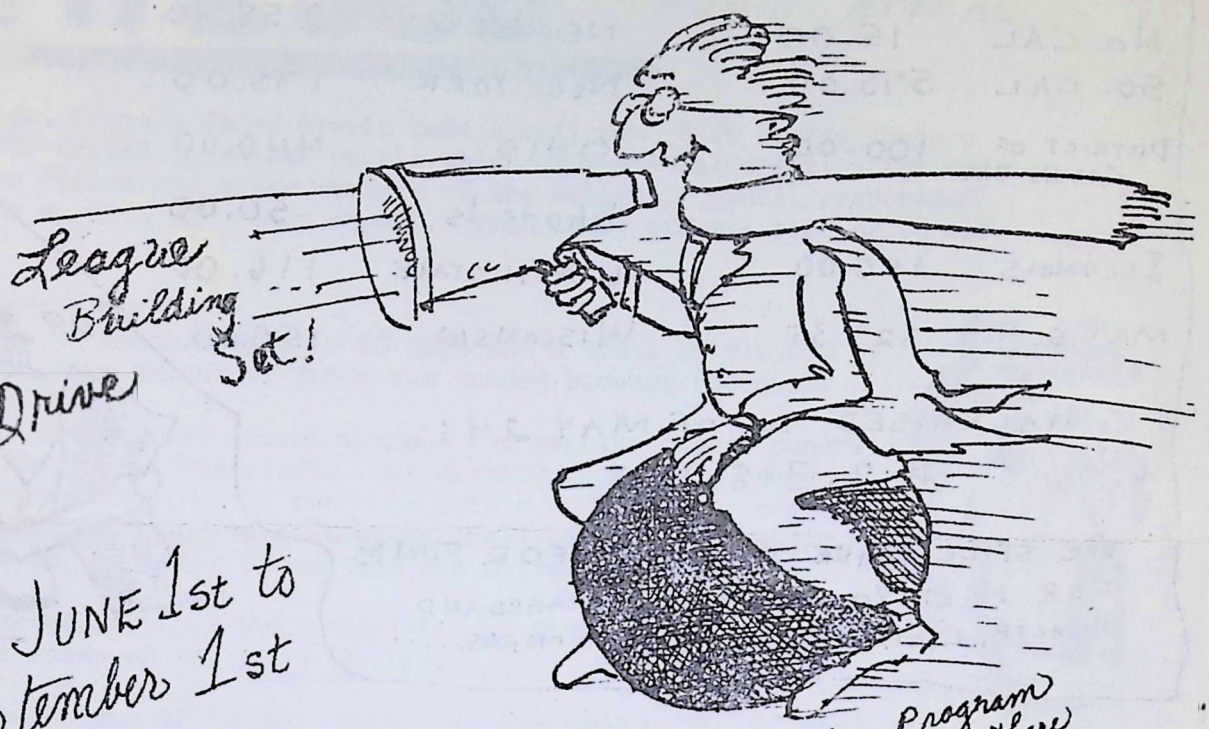

From JUNE 1st to September 1st

Building the League is our most important task.

- Tie the drive with our grassroots initiatives like the Nuclear Free Zone campaign - meet your neighbors, meet friends on the campus, wouldn't they want to be in an activist organization!
- Go out with the Young Worker - they'll love our paper!

- Our Emergency Action Program will convince youth that there are solutions - when we fight to win - they'll want to join the League!

A Petition-ls:

Any petition is to show what kind of support you have for your idea. For the signer, it's a big step from believing in an issue to doing something about it. It's being commited to an idea. It's a method to get motion, movement on an issue and to have direct influence on a very local level i.e. grassroots.

Petitions are an organizational tool to move membership; to develop new volunteers from the people you meet. It gets people "into the action".

Petitions are a way to gain new members; develop mailing lists, develop contacts for further actions EX: hearings, rallies, telethons, mailgrams, and so on.

In any petition drive, the signers and the volunteers need updated news, how it's going, any important signers, any victores, other actions.

A PETITION IS FUN. □

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Zone! And, they will be video taping their activity to submit to cable TV. (You never know what neighbors will ar[illegible] can do.)

PAR[illegible]T HIGH SCHOOL: There will be a ge[illegible]al assembly in the June 12 Disa[illegible]ment Rally. YWLLers will present the N-free zone campaign to the students. □

SECTIONS RESPOND TO APPEAL!!

No. CAL	15.00	New Jersey	258.40
So. CAL	575.00	New York	135.00
District of Columbia	100.00	OHIO	440.09
		Rhode Is.	50.00
Illonois	150.00	WASH STATE	116.00
MASS.	329.35	Wisconsin	150.00

TOTAL RAISED AS OF MAY 24:
$2,318.75

WE STILL HAVE TO RAISE FOR FUNDS FOR NEXT YOUNGWORKER, WAGES AND HEALTH, LEAGUE LIFE, EDUCATIONALS....

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representing the students to visit the local representatives and ask what is their position. At a later date we could put out a position, voting card or whatever, stating that this politician does or does not support peace and disarmament.

The forces involved in June 12th have placed as never before the interconnection between the peace question and and the economic needs of the people. The League drew this conclusion at the 5th National Convention and developed it further at the National Council meeting in January, 1982. This reflects and accounts for the working class and nationally oppressed people participation in todays peace movement

The policies of Reaganism bring all issues closer together. Reaganism, representing such a small base of militarists and reactionaries, threatens all sections of the youth. There is no issue today which the masses of people are not connecting with broader questions and other issues. And this includes peace.

BRINGING IT ALL TOGETHER

The League in this light put forward the Youth Rights Emergency Action Program which draws the connections between issues, and provides solutions which we believe broad numbers of youth and students will rally around. At its next meeting in June the Executive Committee will discuss further how to mount a campaign to place the Emergency Action Program before the youth movement. It clearly provides the handle to line the peace question concretely with the economic questions.

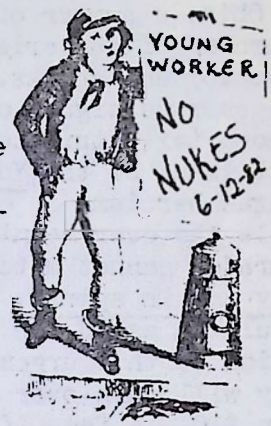
ON THE JOB: EMERGENCY FUND APPEAL

Six weeks ago, Comrade James Steele sent a mailgram to 26 League leaders stressing the urgent financial crisis which our national organization was in. Section Chairs and other members of the National Council responeded tremendously to this emergency appeal. From these efforts over $2300 was raised.

WHY THE EMERGENCY?

Six weeks ago we needed $2500 in 10 days and a total of $10,000 by May 21. This huge amount of funds was needed because (to quote from the mailgram):

> "Y.W.L.L. cannot make impact without our regular press, concrete initiatives, full-time staff. Our destiny depends on every branch being mobilized to meet the crisis and becoming responsible for our organization's financial well-being. Please discuss this in emergency branch and executive meetings."

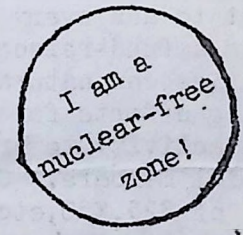


This huge amount of money was needed in the first place to guarantee the next issue of the Young Worker.

PUBLISHED!!

Our normal press run of 30,000 copies was expanded to 50,000 for the special issue on disarmament and peace--invaluable to mobilize for June 12. Before and after June 12, the Young Worker will help develop and raise mass youth consciousness and understanding to new and higher levels. No one else in the youth movement will address question and put forward solutions the way the Young Worker will.

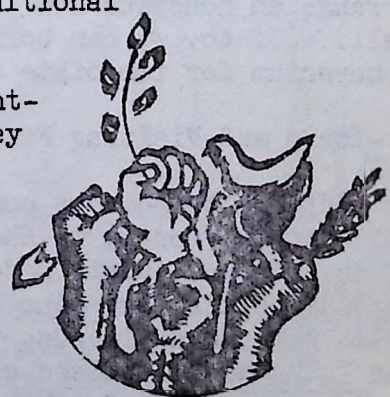
In addition to the YW, without emergency funds we were threatened with laying-off members of the national staff right in the midst of the enormous mobilizations for June 12 and on the eve of the Extraordinary Conference in Milwaukee. The truth is that we could not hold off the wolves any longer! All of our "predators" swarmed in at once--the telephone company, turned down our appeal on long disputed phone calls, and wanted immediate payment on the nearly $2000 bill that was owed them. The printers and suppliers refused to extend any more credit, and the government was demanding immediate payment on all outstanding and current tax bills.



BUTTONS

WHERE WE STAND TODAY.

You comrades came through by raising $2300. Comrades in the national office raies from new sources over $5000 and borrowed an additional $3000 in loans to be re-paid by July 1.



The most pressingbills have been paid: the Young Worker printed; issue of a new button for June 12 and Peace T-shirt. They will popularize our slogans among thousands (and great fund raisers for the League); All sections have received our educational tape,=but other educationas are still waiting to get it. The emergency loans must be repaid still and we need the help of every League branch and every League member.

WHAT NEXT?

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Emergency fund Appeal
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Response was most significant when Sections collectively discussed and brought the appeal to as many members as possible.

1.-Continue membership contributions:
In Ohio, a number of comrades on learning of the crisis signed over their unemployment checks. In New Jersey, one comrade signed over part of his income tax return to guarantee the next issue of the Young Worker. Such is League heroism.
While the overwhelming majority of our comrades cannot match these examples, they can in spirit. Every member should be asked for a special contribution to this urgent national appeal. Many will turn over one dollar, five and even $10. A few, if given the urgency of the appeal, might be able to contribute larger amounts. The key is that we ask all or our members for individual contributions and every dime and quarter is as equally needed and prized. Every contribution is a reflection of pride in the League and commitment to the League.

2.-Collective Fundraising Projects:
We want to ask every branch and section now to plan a fund-raiser in the next few weeks. Activities can naturally fit in with mobilizing efforts for June 12 and is a League activity to bring new friends and potential members. Can your branch set a goal of $25.$50,etc?
The Amherst branch was able to contribute $125 its portion of a Voices of the Future speakers honorarium. Can your branch arrange an honorium now for summer or fall. (If so, we can borrow against the honorarium for immediate income)

3.-Loans and Visiting Friends of the League:
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Possibly some League members or friends are in a position to make a loan to the National Office for a considerable amount. If this is so, please call the Ntl and let Keta know.

RESPONSE OF THE SECTIONS AND APPEAL TO MEET GOALS.

In the mailgram, Corade Steele said, "I urge every Section, Branch and member to do whatever possible. Please accept Section goal of $250 by April 12, $500 total on May 21. Larger sections should try to do more."
We appeal to everyone to try to realize these goals. Our destiny still depends on every branch being mobilized. We are sure that we can continue to count on you. Please try to realize these goals by June 20.